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was so much new construction going on, but the factory had also taken over
a building formerly occupied by a sweater factory. When in full
production, the machine tool factory was to employ some

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10 thousand persons, but there were not that many [redacted] 25X
 [redacted] in August 1951. He did not say how many [redacted] 25X
 were actually employed there, nor did he make an estimate. 25X
 Most of the information he had received from residents of
 Turciansky Svaty Martin.

2. 25X1X [redacted] in 25X1X 25X
 ball bearing plant had just been opened in Kysucke Nove Mesto
 and that some 1500 persons were employed there. When the
 plant was in full production, there were to be some six to
 eight thousand workers. Another friend of mine who resides
 in Kysucke Nove Mesto told me that the Swedish SKF was to
 deliver the machinery and was to have part interest in the
 plant. The Swedes withdrew, however, when they learned that
 the plant was to be nationalized. As a result, Zbrojovka Brno
 was to furnish the necessary machinery. Bearings produced
 in the plant were supposed to go to the USSR. I never heard
 any production figures or estimates. [redacted] 25X1X

25X1X [redacted] the factory, which was
 housed in five buildings across from the railway station.
 See Enclosure A for [redacted]. Construction of these
 buildings had begun in 1949. In July 1951 buildings numbered
 3, 4, and 5 in the enclosed sketch were still under construction.
 All five buildings were made of brick, with glass roofs. The
 roofs were constructed parallel to the ground and in ridges
 to take better advantage of the light. [redacted] 25X1X

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 Officer from the District National Committee, say that he
 wanted Vallo (fnu) arrested for economic sabotage. Vallo had
 been in charge of the construction of the factory and the
 roofs began to leak very badly. I do not know what happened
 to Vallo, but I do know that the roofs were repaired. The
 plant area which is inside a barbed wire enclosure is
 guarded by plant militia. Just behind the plant area there
 is a water reservoir on a hill. Water is pumped to the
 reservoir from the city's water pump station downtown. Pipes
 are laid from the reservoir to the plant. Electric power is
 used at the plant. Some of the buildings are connected by a
 corridor-type brick passage.

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Enclosure A: Ball Bearing Plant at Kysucke Nove Mesto

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